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TAGS: PFOR MG CH TW

SUBJ: INVITATION BY MONGOLIAN EMBASSY

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1. TWO CONSOFFS ATTENDING MONGOLIAN EMBASSY FILM SHOWING MAY 23 RECEIVED CORDIAL RECEPTION. MONGOLIAN EMBASSY PROTOCOL OFFICER INFORMED CONSOFF THAT INVITATION TO AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICERS HAD BEEN " APPROVED BY ULAN BATOR." MONGOLIAN COUNSELOR AND SECOND SECRETARY TOLD CONSOFF THAT " ONLY WORD FROM WASHINGTON" WAS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BEGIN MONGOLIAN- US DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. FILM SHOWING WAS ATTENDED BY AL EASTERN EUROPEAN, CPR, NORTH KOREAN, INDIAN, JAPANESE, CANADIAN, DANISH, AUSTRIAN FINNISH, SEWDISH, AND BELGIAN CONSOFFS AND PROTOCOL OFFICERS.

2. CONSOFFS' PRESENCE ALSO ATTRACTED FAVORABLE COMMENTS FROM RANKING SOVIET OFFICIAL IN ATTENDANCE, MFA PROTOCOL FIRST SECRETARY VIKTOR V. IVANOV. IVANOV ASKED WHEN USG WILL RECOGNIZE MONGOLIA. WHEN CONSOFF REPLIED THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW, IVANOV EXPRESSED VIEW THAT " IN ANY CASE, YOUR PRESENCE IS A GOOD SIGN."

3. CONSOFF WAS ALSO APPROACHED BY CPR FIRST SECRETARY ZHUN
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TSYAN (PHONETIC FROM RUSSIAN) , WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS
CONSULAR AND PROTOCOL OFFICER WHO HAS BEEN HERE FOUR YEARS.
ZHUN PAINTED GRIM PICUTRE OF TREATMENT ACCORDED CHINESE DIPLO-
MATS IN USSR. WHEN CONSOFF RAISED QUESTION OF PRESENT RE-
STRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD AND FINNISH BORDER, ZHUN
REPLIED THAT CPR EMBASSY NOT PERMITTED AS A RULE TO LEAVE
MOSCOW AND THAT RECIPROCAL RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED
ON SOVIET EMBASSY PEKING. QUERIED AS TO WHETHER PROGRESS
COULD BE EXPECTED IN BORDER TALKS NOW THAT SOVIET NOGOTIATORS
HAVE RETURNED TO PEKING, ZHUN PESSIMISTICALLY REPLIED THAT
THIS ROUND OF TALKS " WILL PROBABLY BE LIKE THE LAST ONE."
ZHUN DESCRIBED USSR- CPR BORDER SITUATION AS " QUIET FOR NOW."
MEMCON FOLLOWS.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON WHETHER
MONGOLIAN CONSOFFS MAY BE INVITED TO ANNUAL EMBASSY CONSULAR
RECEPTION, TO BE HELD IN EARLY JULY. CONSOFFS OF BOTH
EMBASSIES OFTEN ARE IN CONTACT DURING PROCESSING VISA
APPLICATIONS (US TOURIST AND MONGOLIGAN OFFICIAL) AND
HANDLING WELFARE/ PROTECTION PROBLEMS OF AMERICANS
TRAVELING IN MONGOLIA.

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